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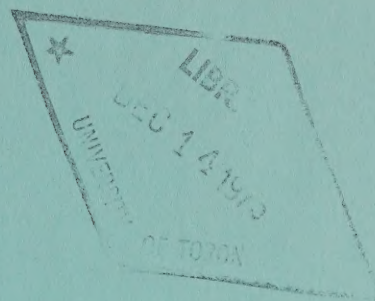
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MINUTES

4-0039 MEETING

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LOCATION

University of Western Ontario  
London

DATE AND TIME

November 16, 1974  
1:30 p.m.

4-0040 ATTENDANCE

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4-0041 INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

The President opened the hearing by introducing his delegation and commenting on the current fiscal situation. In addition to matters dealt with in depth in the brief subsequent discussion focused on the following:

4-0042 HUMANISTIC STUDIES

The view was expressed that Windsor's emphasis on Humanistic studies was in part a response to the paucity of such offerings elsewhere. It was pointed out that the Slavic programmes were of interest to the ethnic population in and around Windsor and that the former Assumption University has stressed Drama, Music and Fine Arts, which fields were considered important to the community.

4-0043 LIBRARY RESOURCES

Council learned that while some Windsor faculty made use of Michigan library resources few students were known to. Of the 6,000 users of Windsor's Library only 200 were reportedly U.S. students. It was pointed out that Wayne State University offered a graduate programme in Library Science, in which a small number of Windsor students were involved on a part-time basis.

4-0044 CANADIAN AND ETHNIC STUDIES

It was noted that Windsor had previously been involved in a government study on Canadian minority groups and Council learned that currently the Sociology department was studying Slavic groups and Canadian unions. Some members of the department had demonstrated a specific interest in Canadian Indians which was strengthened through recent increases in the native Canadian population in and around Windsor.

4-0045 THE STUDENT BODY

Council noted a healthy growth over the past two years in part-time enrolment which was attributed in part to the University's socio-economic milieu. It was pointed out that the University assessed







community interest before developing part-time programme offerings.

Council learned that 5.4% of full-time registrants were overseas students of which the largest contingent was from Hong Kong. Fifty-five to sixty per cent of the enrolment came from within commuting distance of the University and forty per cent of entrants were reported to be mature students, transfers from community colleges, etc. Enrolment projections were considered, by the delegation, cautious in view of previous shortfalls, but clearly based on anticipated demand and not policy decisions.

4-0046 OFF-CAMPUS INSTRUCTION

The delegation informed Council that the University had responded to requests from local communities for off-campus courses in Chatham, Leamington and Sarnia, primarily for elementary school teachers. The need throughout the Province for off-campus centres was recognized.

4-0047 PART-TIME PROGRAMMES

Council learned that evening, inter-session and summer courses were taught mainly by additional part-time staff or regular staff on an overload basis. Windsor faculty were limited to one overload course per year. The cost effectiveness of this means of providing part-time teaching was stressed in that it was felt that if extension teaching were done on an integrated basis costs would be increased by one-third or two-thirds.

4-0048 COU "STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES"

The delegation elaborated on difficulties mentioned in the brief occasioned by the current formula for universities with fluctuating enrolments. It was felt that there did not exist an optimum size for a university and that as mentioned in the brief, Windsor was of unique size vis-a-vis other Ontario institutions. The delegation agreed to submit supplementary material documenting Windsor's unique size and its sub-optimal enrolment in Engineering and General Arts.





4-0049 CAPITAL FUNDING

The delegation gave priority neither to cyclic renewal nor to a "new" construction formula.

4-0050 RESIDENCES

The portion of the brief dealing with former Assumption University residences was discussed at length. It was stressed that the cost of acquisition of Cody and Electa Halls had been greater than would have been required to build new residences of comparable capacity; that the generous dimensions of these residences created higher maintenance costs; and that in Cody and Electa Halls most rooms had been constructed for double occupancy but student preference required that they be used on a single occupancy basis. At the conclusion of the discussion it was agreed that Windsor would make a supplementary presentation at a later date to the Council concerning the residence situation.

4-0051 OPERATING FINANCES

The delegation noted the following as factors contributing to loss of institutional flexibility: support staff attrition and limitations on support staff complements in order to maintain a reasonable pay scale; maintenance cutbacks; lack of faculty mobility in areas from which student interest had shifted; and the inability, due to fiscal restrictions, to enlarge programmes through adding faculty where student demand to support growth was present. The University Senate had established a future planning committee to revise institutional priorities in view of fiscal restrictions.

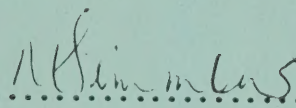
A lengthy discussion of Windsor's request for a supplementary grant of \$1.4 million ensued. The request for supplementary support was directly related to a deficit which had been incurred in the previous year. However, during the discussion it became apparent that a portion of the previous deficit had been attributable to difficulties with ancillary enterprises. A further request of \$731,448



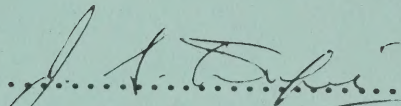


mentioned in the brief was intended, on a once-only basis, to offset extraordinary expenditures incurred with respect to Electa and Cody Halls.

In closing, the President pointed out that should BIU shortfalls continue one could expect: some universities to close; protest and possible strike action should faculty salaries not match those in the civil service; faculty dismissals; and, deterioration of the quality of the educational experience.

  
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